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**NDTA'S CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER WELCOMES THE
50TH INTERSTATE ANNIVERSARY CONVOY WITH OPEN ARMS**

(Alexandria, VA – June 25, 2006) --- Celebrations commemorating the fiftieth year of our Interstate Highway System are in full swing from California to Washington, DC under the auspices of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). In Pennsylvania, the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) is gearing up to help provide a warm welcome for the Interstate Anniversary Convoy as it passes through their state. The Convoy, centerpiece to the anniversary, is a re-enactment of Eisenhower's historic cross-country journey in 1919 as a lieutenant colonel in the United States Army. NDTA Chapter members and industry friends will host and toast the transportation milestone at an evening reception at the Hotel Carlisle from 6:30pm - 8:30pm on June 27th. Mr. Allen Biehler, Secretary of Transportation, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and US Congressman Todd Platts, will be among the nearly one hundred persons attending.

The following morning, on June 28th, the NDTA group will join the convoy caravan as it heads on to Gettysburg, where festivities are planned at Eisenhower's family farm. On June 29th, the convoy will finally arrive in Washington, DC where President Eisenhower passed the Interstate Highways Acts into legislation 50 years ago. His vision, to construct a defensive roadway network, ultimately transformed our Nation's infrastructure, economy and well-being.

The logistics of convoy maneuvers is nothing new to NDTA members; many have been involved in military missions in Europe, Asia and the Middle East where all too often

their “reception” occurred in the midst of conflict. *“Moving people and supplies today presents an incredible challenge,”* says John Fasching, Chapter President, Research Fellow with LMI Government Consulting and former Army transporter. *“Ensuring that everything is secure and available when and where it’s needed is critical - not just on the battlefield, but in city’s and towns across the US. It’s a dedicated team effort each day between state, government, commercial sectors and all modes of transportation to get the job done at home and abroad.”* Fasching will present honorary NDTA membership to Ms. Liz Voras, former Pennsylvania Deputy Secretary of Transportation, for her career-long service to enhancing commercial and military transportation capabilities.

NDTA members come from all walks and ranks – from active duty and retired service in the military and federal agencies to commercial enterprise. They represent truck, rail, air, maritime and IT efforts as well as hotels, rental car and travel companies that make the going smooth for folks on travel. In spite of the diversity, everyone shares a genuine commitment to keeping our country on the move.

The NDTA Central Pennsylvania Chapter is proud to partner with AASHTO and to commemorate President Eisenhower’s foresight and spirit. The Association extends sincere thanks to local sponsors - Cumberland County Transportation Authority; Daily Express, Inc.; FedEx; LMI Government Consulting; Hershey Resorts; Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association; Schneider National – for their generous participation in welcoming the 50th Interstate Anniversary Convoy to the Keystone State.

The National Defense Transportation Association is a non-profit, non-political educational association committed to fostering partnerships between government, military and industry, and maintaining a strong and efficient global transportation and distribution system in support of national security. There are over 8500 members in the association, comprised of both individual and corporate members. There are 60 plus chapters in the United States and overseas in Europe and the Pacific. The national headquarters office is located in Alexandria, VA.

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